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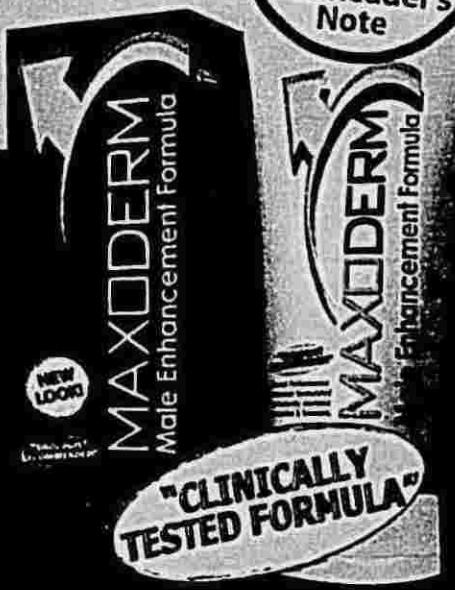
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Executive director
Wayne Zimmerman

Little House Big Heart

by DEBORAH LYNN BLACK

For the past 33 years, the Kevin Guest House in Buffalo, N.Y., has been known as "the little house with the big heart." Providing an affordable haven of comfort and hope for families of patients undergoing treatment at area hospitals, the charming 1865 Victorian-style home also holds the distinction as the first hospital hospitality house in the nation.

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The Kevin Guest House is the nation's first hospital hospitality house.

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"He was an exceptional little boy who loved to tell jokes and had a way of laughing at himself," says his older brother, Denis, now 55 and living in Charlotte, N.C. Cyril died in 1996, and Claudia lives today in Colorado.

During Kevin's treatment, his father saw a need that wasn't being met by the hospital. "Dad felt the pain of parents sleeping in the hospital lobby and eating from vending machines," Garvey says.

One day while driving to the cancer institute, Garvey's parents spotted the house and decided to purchase it. Their plan was to donate it to the community as a place of comfort for family members of Albany hospital patients who couldn't afford other accommodations.

Volunteers helped renovate and furnish the home, and the doors opened in 1972. Its immediate success caught the attention of fast-food giant McDonald's. The corporation sent representatives to Buffalo to learn about the home when the company was drawing up the blueprint for its own Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia, which opened in 1974.

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Lisa Kane, 46, of Syracuse, N.Y., found KGH an oasis during her husband Sean's cancer treatment. "Our twins had room to play, we could relax in the garden and enjoy a beautiful summer evening," she says. "The staff made our time in Buffalo the best it could be. What they do is so important to the healing process."

Zimmerman says the Garveys' small dream has turned into a national phenomenon. "There is a special magic about this place," he says, "a spirit here we often say is Kevin looking over us." ↗

Deborah Lynn Black is a writer in Akron, N.Y.
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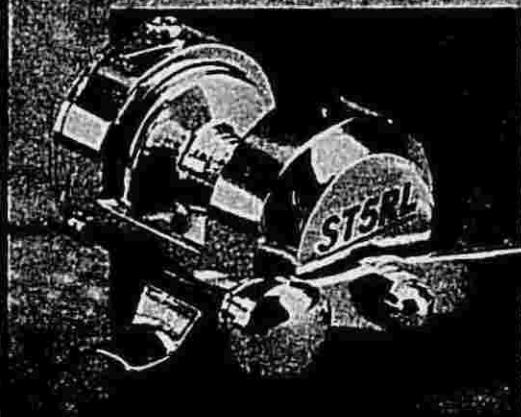
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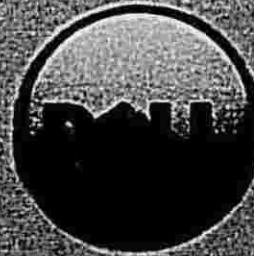
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(MS) — Couples often focus on personalizing their weddings while neglecting to make their honeymoon uniquely theirs. Travel expert Bob Boles of hotelbook.com says the key to a happy honeymoon, besides the companion choice, is to identify your travel style and match your destination accordingly.

"The Internet has provided us with the most useful travel tool available," Boles says. "Couples are now empowered to do their own research on destinations, local events, restaurants, and hotels with the click of a button."

Dedicated to offering couples more alternatives, Boles and his travel team have identified inde-

pendent and boutique hotels worldwide at www.hotelbook.com for travelers to more easily find the right hotels for their post-nuptial escapes.

- Bermuda's Waterloo House is an elegant five-star destination with 29 luxurious bedrooms, a manor house and surrounding cottages dating back to 1815, amid four acres of terraced gardens by the infamous Hamilton Harbour.

- Miami Beach's Hotel Ocean is a luxury boutique with 27 Mediterranean-themed rooms appointed with original décor and fireplaces. The hotel offers VIP access to trendy nightclubs, restaurants, and a private jet for daytrips to a remote island.

- Maui's Prince Hotel Makena Resort is a five-star hotel secluded on a quarter-mile of crescent-shaped Maluaka Beach, and built around an Asian meditation garden. Rooms open to the garden and the ocean, and guests have access to the Makena North Golf Course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr.

- On the Big Island of Hawaii, the 1800-acre Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, is a five-star destination on Kauna'oa Bay, considered by many to be the island's most beautiful beach. Besides the white

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- Another option for Italian travelers is the Carlton and Grand Canal Hotel in Venice, where 145 rooms in 18th Century Venetian style offer a splendid view of the Canal Grande and the Hotel's traditional courtyard.

Boles encourages couples to educate themselves before settling on a destination, and suggests www.hotelbook.com as a resource for finding and booking independent and boutique hotel finds.

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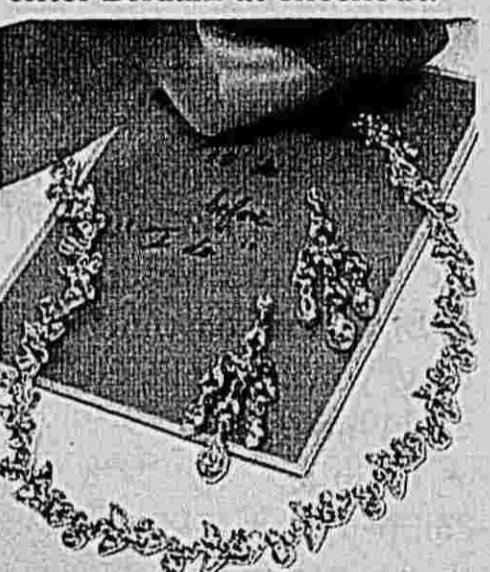
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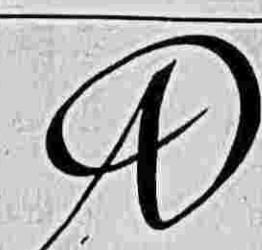
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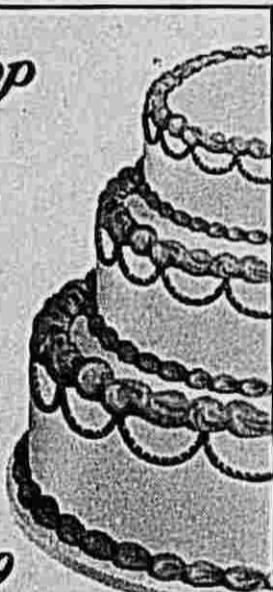
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Wedding guest attire

(MS) — There is a good chance that you've been invited to a wedding — or will be — where the expected attire was a mystery. Unless the invitation specifically mentions "black tie" or another dress code, you could be taking a guess as to what is appropriate to wear. No one wants to be the odd person out, wearing an outfit that is inconsistent with the scope of the wedding. Usually there are hints that will offer you ideas about the formality of the wedding. Act as a super sleuth and follow the clues.

1. Look at the invitation. Does it have all of the markers of a formal wedding: thick card stock, engraved typeset, calligraphy on the envelope? Or does it casu-

ally invite you to watch the couple tie the knot? Typically the invitation will set the tone of the wedding.

2. Consider the location of the ceremony and reception. Chances are if the couple is being married on the beach and having a clam bake as their party they won't expect women to wear an evening gown and gents to wear tails. But if you recognize the reception hall to be a formal or semi-formal venue, the dress code is likely similar.

3. Take your cues from the bride and her wedding party. If you've heard the bride will be wearing a cathedral-length veil and elaborate wedding gown, chances are she's going for a formal wedding. If you know the bridesmaids are wearing sarongs and flip flops, it's probably a casual affair.

4. Don't be afraid to ask. Ring the bride or groom, or their parents, and inquire as to what type of atmosphere it will be. If you're mortified by this idea, err on the side of caution by choosing something that is conservative. Ladies usually can't go

wrong with a black cocktail dress and men can play it safe in a dark-colored suit and tie.

Follow these guidelines:

BLACK TIE

Her: A formal dress, usually to the floor. Coordinate with a beaded purse and elegant wrap. Expect to dance, so don't wear anything too revealing or constricting.

Him: A tuxedo is the only appropriate thing to wear.

EVENING WEDDING

Her: Dress as if you were going to the theater or a fancy restaurant. Cocktail dresses are appropriate, or dressy suits. Avoid anything with sequins or too flashy. Suits shouldn't be too stuffy or "corporate."

Him: A dark suit is always a

safe bet. If you suspect it is semi-formal, you may be able to wear a blazer, slacks and a tie.

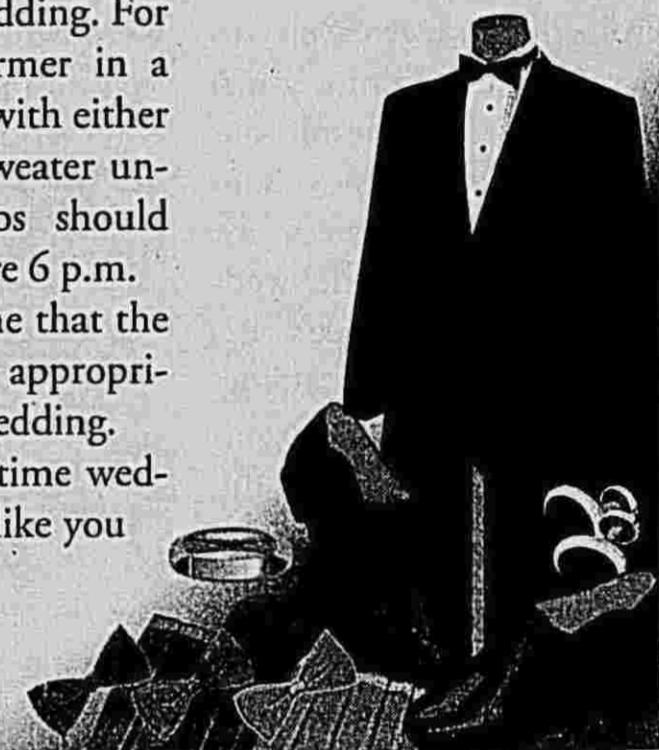
DAYTIME WEDDING

Her: A conservative but fun floral dress or light-colored suit.

Him: A light-colored suit if it is a summer wedding. For winter, dress warmer in a blazer and slacks with either a dress shirt or sweater underneath. Tuxedos should not be worn before 6 p.m.

It is safe to assume that the following are not appropriate to wear to a wedding.

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- Anything too revealing, particularly to a religious wedding where a coverup may be necessary for a strapless or sleeveless gown.



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Tips for Choosing the Right Reception Hall

(MS) — Weddings can be a very complicated endeavor to pull off. Far more than pulling on fancy clothes, strolling down the aisle and saying, "I do," a successful wedding is a testament to a couple's ability to plan and juggle multiple tasks.

One of the biggest tasks a couple must handle is choosing a reception hall. Since most couples choose a religious facility based on where they attend services or where they attended growing up, that decision is often easier than choosing where the couple and their guests will go to let loose once the ceremony's over. Couples facing the dilemma of where to host their post-wedding party should ask the following questions when on the hunt for a reception hall.

- **When is the hall available?** If you've already chosen a wedding date, this is obviously the most important question to ask. If you haven't pinned down a date yet, perhaps a favorite hall's availability can help you determine when to walk down the aisle. Just remember that many houses of worship frown on picking a date and

booking with a reception hall without securing the ceremony first.

- **How much?** Different places charge different prices, and with the escalating costs of weddings these days, this should be the question you ask immediately after learning of the hall's availability. It's also good to have a number in mind with respect to how much you can spend on the reception.

It's also wise to ask what's included in the fee. Some halls, believe it or not, charge extra for tables, chairs and linens. Be sure to state your preference of round tables or banquet tables as well.

- **What is the capacity?** This can often be researched via the Internet. If your wedding party is going to be large, there's no sense in driving to a locale that can't accommodate larger crowds. Some reception halls feature rooms for smaller crowds and rooms for larger parties.

- **What about the catering?** Some reception halls insist customers use their kitchen staff, while others allow outside caterers to come in. Oftentimes, halls that re-

quire on-site staff do the cooking also require a minimum number of guests. In addition, those that permit private caterers might charge extra to allow kitchen usage to outside vendors.

- **What service styles are available?** Food and drinks can be served cocktail style, formal, or buffet style. Couples should determine what they want, but should also keep in mind that buffet style serving is often less expensive.

- **How can drinks be served?** The bar service can range from a full open bar (often the most expensive) to only certain drinks offered at the open bar (i.e., beer is open bar, mixed drinks cost guests per drink) to individuals paying for



Couples face a host of difficult decisions when it comes to planning a wedding, not the least of which is choosing the right reception hall.

their own drinks all night, called a cash bar.

- **How late is the reception hall open?** Most reception halls will stay open until around midnight before informing guests it's closing time. Some halls, however, might close earlier. Make sure the party hours are

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- **What is the refund policy?** This can be an important question to ask in the unfortunate case an emergency arises and the wedding is moved or the couple calls off the wedding. reception hall.

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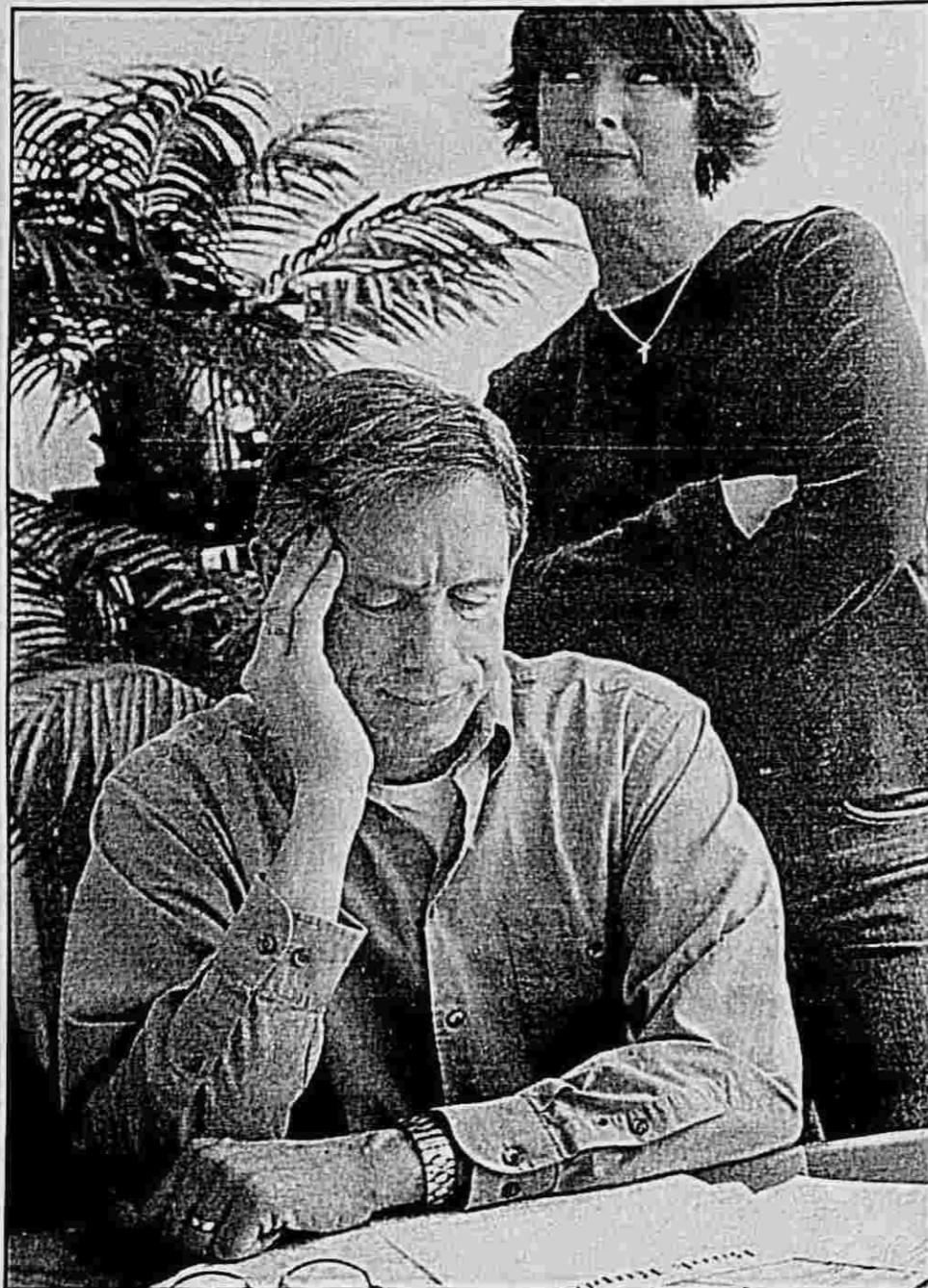
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Finances an important issue for newlyweds



To avoid the potential for arguments down the road, couples should discuss finances soon after tying the knot.

(MS) — Newlyweds face a host of big decisions once their honeymoon is over and it's time to head back to reality. Perhaps none carry more weight than the numerous financial decisions that need to be made. Some are more common sense and obvious than others, while some are touchy subjects

and need to be addressed carefully.

Depending on their ages when married, newlyweds can have financial resources ranging from complicated portfolios including investments and property to just a savings or checking account. For newlyweds just starting their life together, the best

thing to do is to sit down and discuss the following situations carefully with your spouse.

- **Change beneficiaries on all accounts:** Be it your 401(k), a life or auto insurance policy, investment accounts or just your savings account at the local bank, once you're married you'd likely prefer your spouse to be the beneficiary in the case of an accident. This is not a complicated process, and should be done as soon as possible. It's especially important to do this if children are in the equation, as no one wants to leave their spouse on the short end financially if they'll be raising the kids by themselves.

- **Decide on a healthcare plan:** Many times, it's most

beneficial to have both spouses on the same plan, as opposed to each having their own plan. Most policies mandate you add a spouse within a 30-day window after you've been married. Look at each policy closely to see which one is more financially beneficial, but also see which one might be better in the long run (i.e., if children will be added down the road).

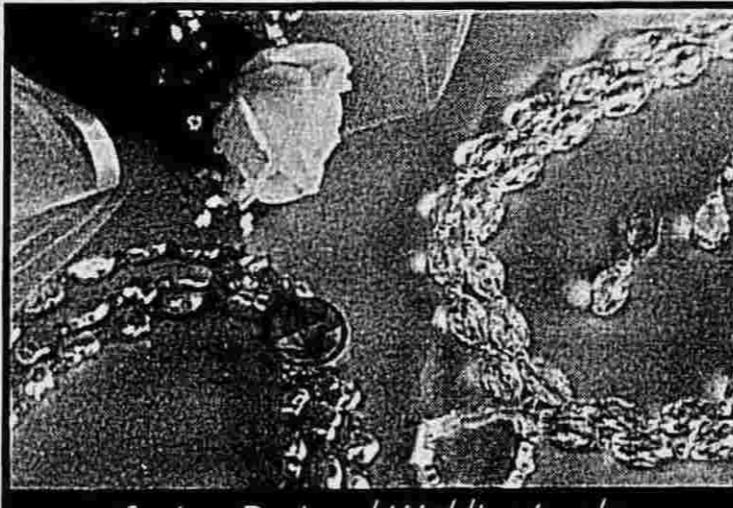
- **Review other insurance policies as well:** Oftentimes, it's cheaper to combine auto insurance policies instead of each spouse having one in their name. Companies typically lower rates for married couples, and many times you won't need to pay for duplicate coverage like you would if you had two differ-

ent policies.

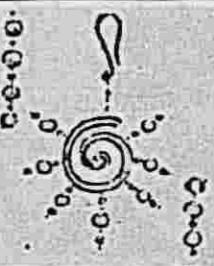
Look at insurance policies beyond auto insurance, too. For instance, you won't need two renter's insurance policies anymore (if any at all), so pick the better one if you're still renting. If you're a homeowner, make sure your policy reflects the value of all your combined possessions post-wedding.

- **Contact Social Security in light of a name change:** If you've changed your name, you'll need a new Social Security card. Also, you'll want your retirement account to be credited correctly, something that might not happen should your new name not be the name on the Social Security

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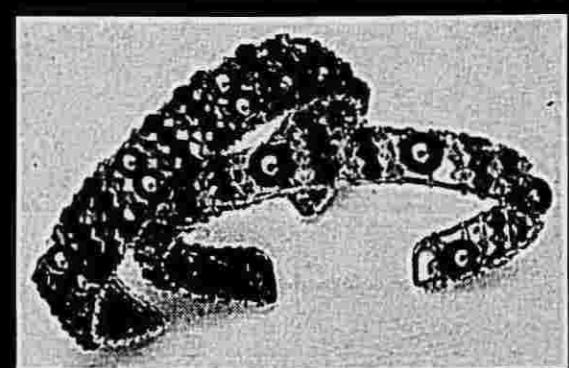
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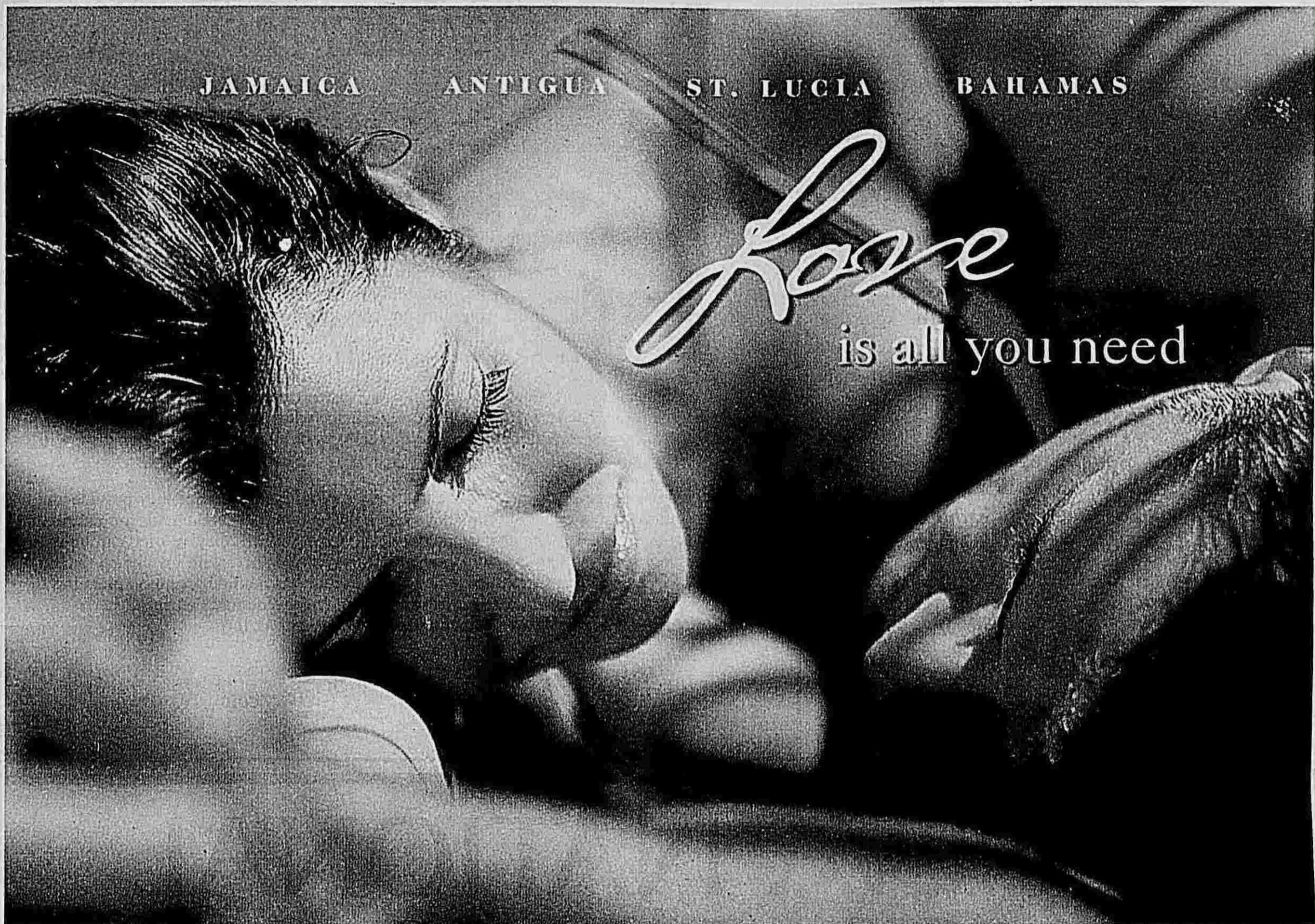
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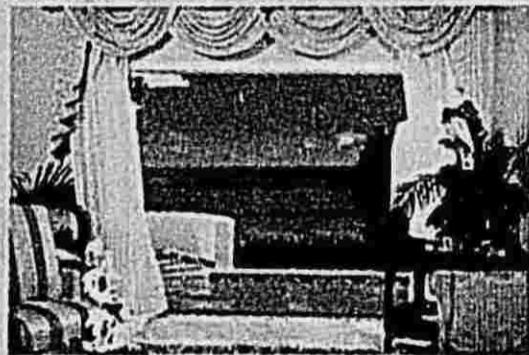


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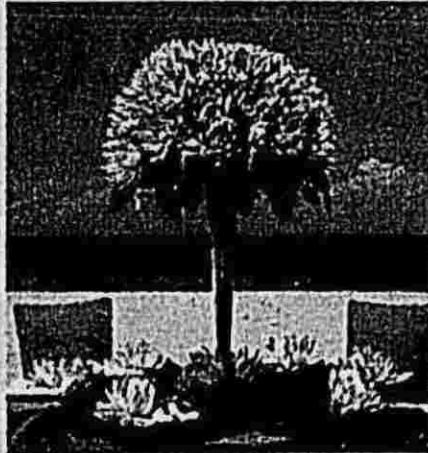
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- **Update your will:** While this is similar to changing beneficiaries, it's not exactly the same thing. Changing beneficiaries is more estate planning, which a will doesn't really account for. Changing your will should reflect what you want to happen with respect to your children and any possessions that were not mutual possessions shared between you and your spouse.

- **Review credit history and develop a plan of action:** If they don't already have one, most newlywed couples want to purchase a home together somewhere down the road. The best way to do that is to clear up any past discrepancies on your credit histories. Once you're married, it's best to look at these

as combined debts you're both responsible for. Since you'll both be seeking credit approval when it comes time to purchase a home, you'll both need acceptable credit. Develop a plan for removing all debts together.

- **Set a budget:** Many times, newlyweds find that one spouse is the spender, while the other is the saver. In order to make your marriage work, you'll need to devise a budget that keeps both people happy. Sit down and work out what your monthly earnings and bills are, and discuss your financial goals. From there, you can develop a budget that's acceptable to both people and will keep you on track for meeting your financial goals.



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Wedding etiquette for second-time brides

Many couples thinking of marriage may have previously taken a trip down the aisle. Second and third weddings are more common these days than ever before. According to gettingremarried.com, nearly 50 percent of all marriages in 2003 were second weddings for at least one partner — if not both. Therefore, many wonder what is proper wedding etiquette for an encore marriage.

Actually, no rules are set in stone. It is up to the couple to plan a ceremony and reception that fits their needs and comfort levels. While some couples choose to elope or have a very intimate



affair, others treat themselves to an elaborate affair, even inviting their children to participate in the ceremony.

Here are some tips to guide you if you are having

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Responsibility of being Best Man and Maid of Honor



(MS) — A popularity contest often comes into play when an engaged couple is selecting friends and family members to be part of their wedding party. Often there is great speculation surrounding who will be bestowed the honor of being a bridesmaid or groomsman and who will win the coveted spots of best man and maid of honor. The pressure could ultimately become a cause of undue stress for the happy couple.

Before making the decisions based solely on who is a best friend or favorite cousin, consider the responsibilities the maid of honor and best man must uphold according to tradition. This may make pairing the right person with the job that much easier.

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- Ensures that the groom is dressed and ready for the ceremony. The best man may actually help the groom to dress in his tuxedo.
- Introduces people and breaks the ice.
- Holds the wedding rings until they are blessed. If a ring bearer will be used, it is suggested that faux rings be tied to the pillow and the best man continues to hold the real things.
- Takes care of payment to the clergy and other financial contributions after the ceremony. He may also tie up any loose financial ends with the reception staff.

- Ensures that the groom has the marriage license and will subsequently be one of the signatures on that document as a witness to the marriage.
- Makes sure that honeymoon travel arrangements have been made and may transport the couple to the airport if necessary.
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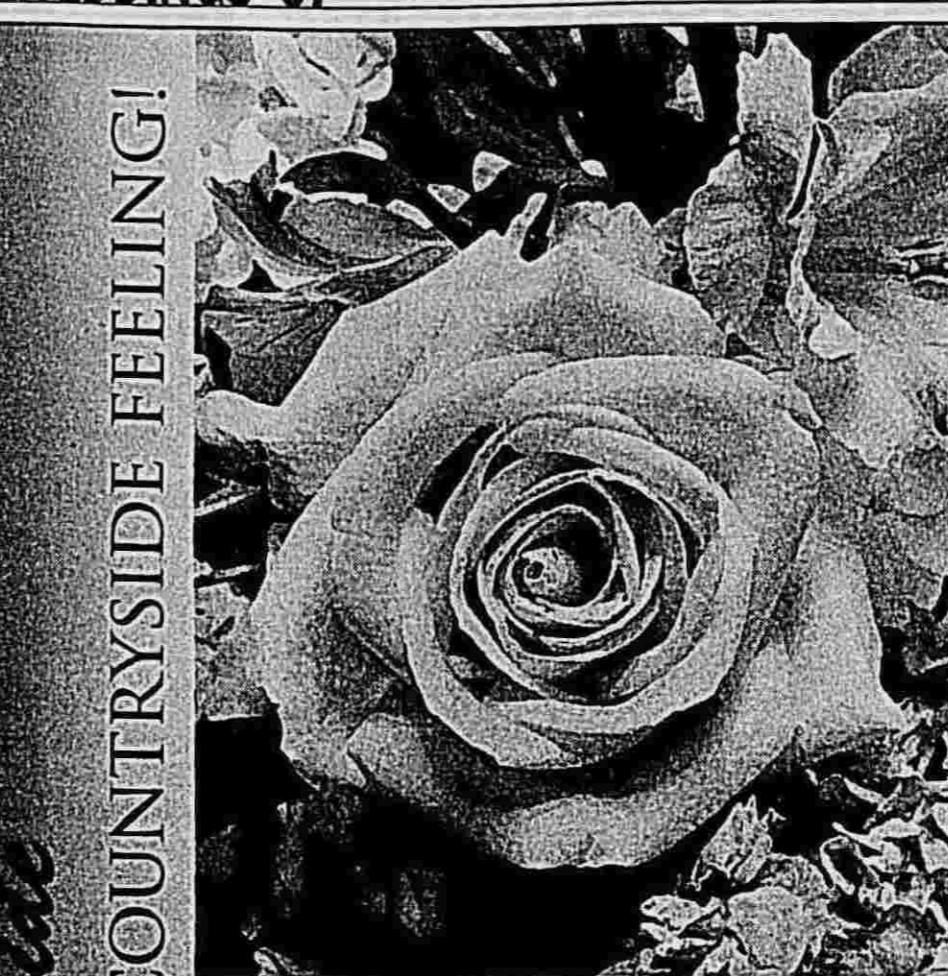
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difficulty deciding on the wedding that is right for you:

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- Wardrobes can be as varied as the ceremony and party. In the past, white gowns signified purity and virginity — not anymore. If you want to wear white, go

for it. However, many encore brides choose to wear colored gowns or even a pantsuit in lieu of a gown. Guys can be formal in a tuxedo or casual in a dinner jacket and slacks.

- A second-time bride may choose to be "given away" by a father, brother or friend. It is perfectly acceptable for her to walk down the aisle solo.

- The bride and groom can host their own affair, but parents on either side may choose to financially contribute.

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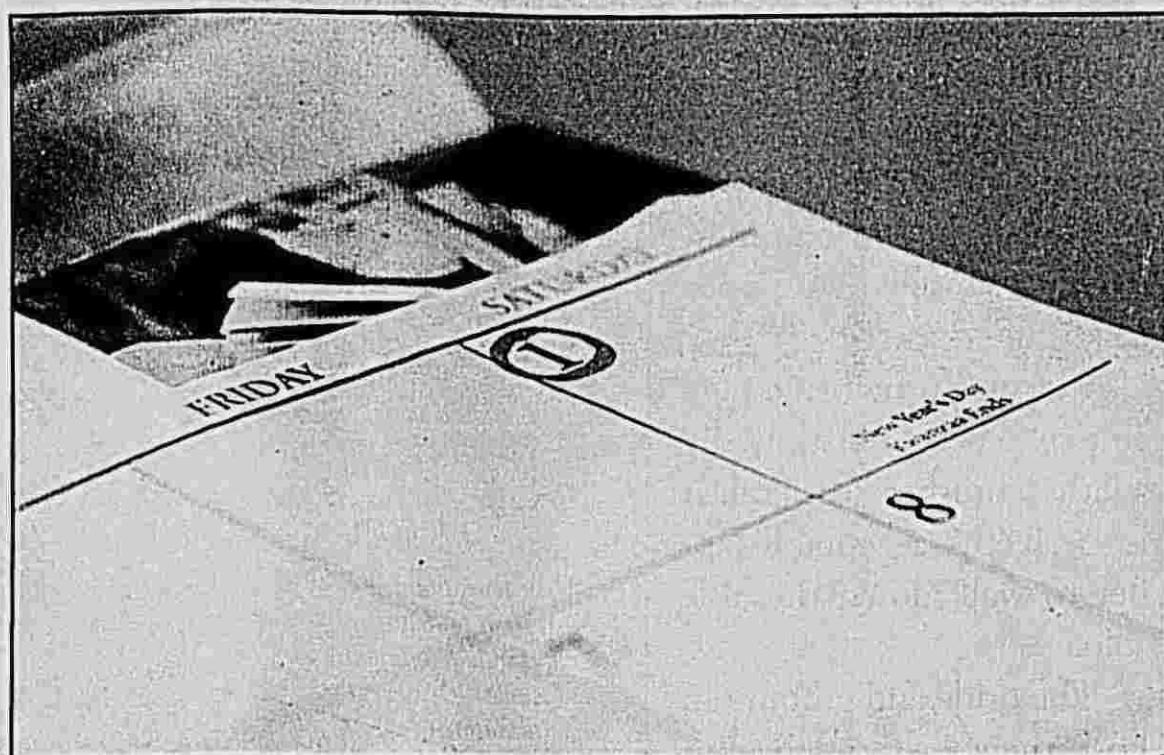
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Special touches for save-the-date announcements

(MS) — Wedding invitations are typically mailed out six to eight weeks prior to a wedding. In the past, this gave guests ample time to fit the wedding into their schedules. But as friends and family have become busier and more overscheduled and wedding guests are spread all across the country, save-the-date cards have grown in popularity.

There are distinct advantages to using save-the-date cards over just mailing out wedding invitations earlier. Cost is a large factor. There have been occasions where a last-minute change has to be made to the wording of an invitation, whether a clergyman must be replaced or the venue has to be changed. If invitations were mailed out early, there could be a large cost in reprinting new invitations with the correct information and subsequently resending them. Human carelessness is another factor. It's much easier for guests to misplace an invitation if they receive it far in advance of the wedding. Then they may not accurately remember ceremony and reception times and may not have the directions to the venue.

Save-the-date cards can be mailed several months in advance of a wedding. They're often



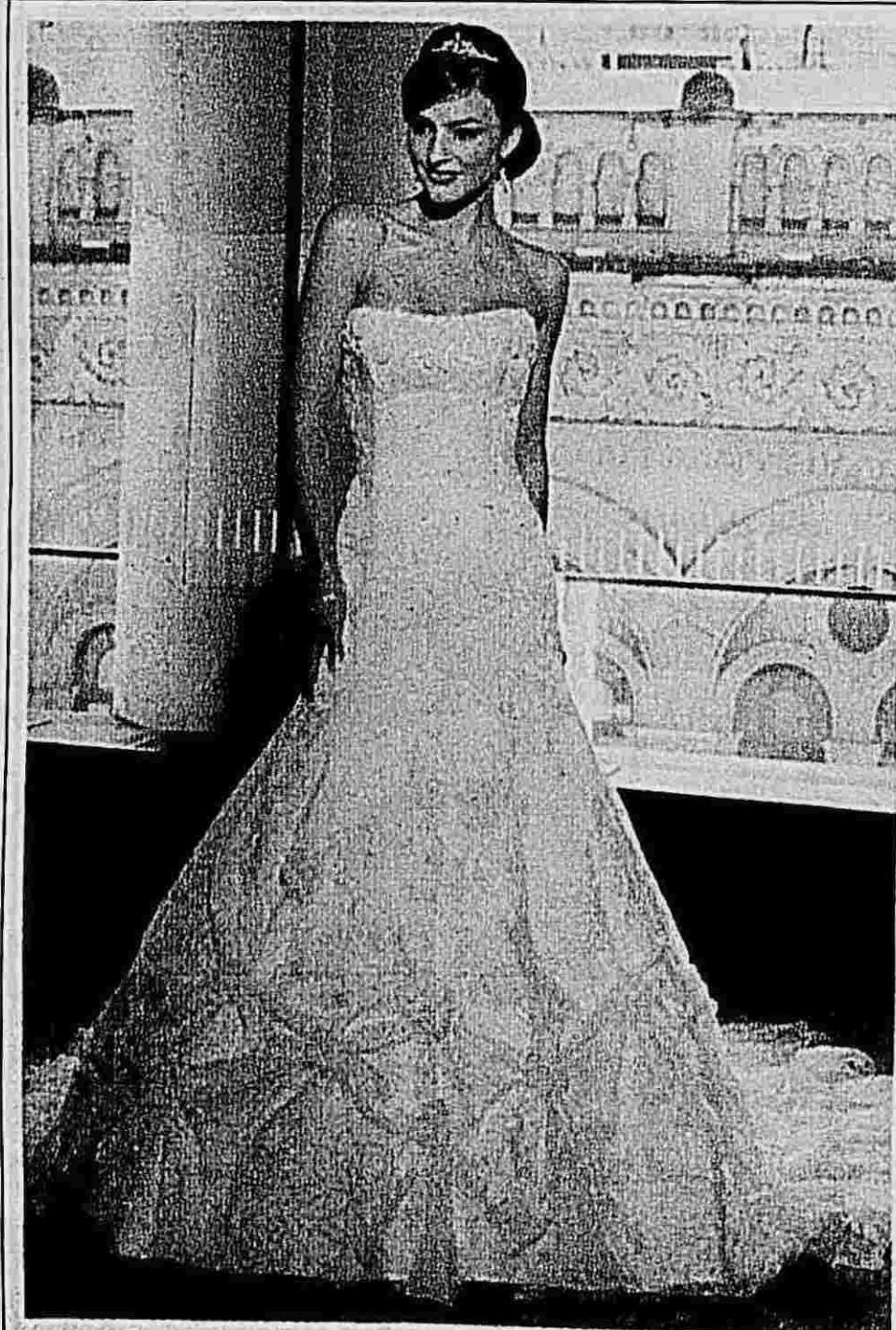
Save-the-date announcements give guests ample time to make arrangements to attend your wedding.

used if a wedding is being held during the peak season or close to the holidays and it is anticipated that guests will have to pick and choose among events to attend. These early reminders are also useful if a destination wedding is being held, or if out-of-town-guests have to make travel arrangements. Having extra notice may help them secure a discount on a flight or apply for a passport, if necessary. Some couples simply choose to send save-the-date cards just as an

added announcement that the wedding will be coming and they're excited about it. Just as wedding invitations are as varied as the couples who choose them, save-the-date cards come in a variety of styles as well. In fact, they don't have to be cards at all. Here are some creative ideas to consider.

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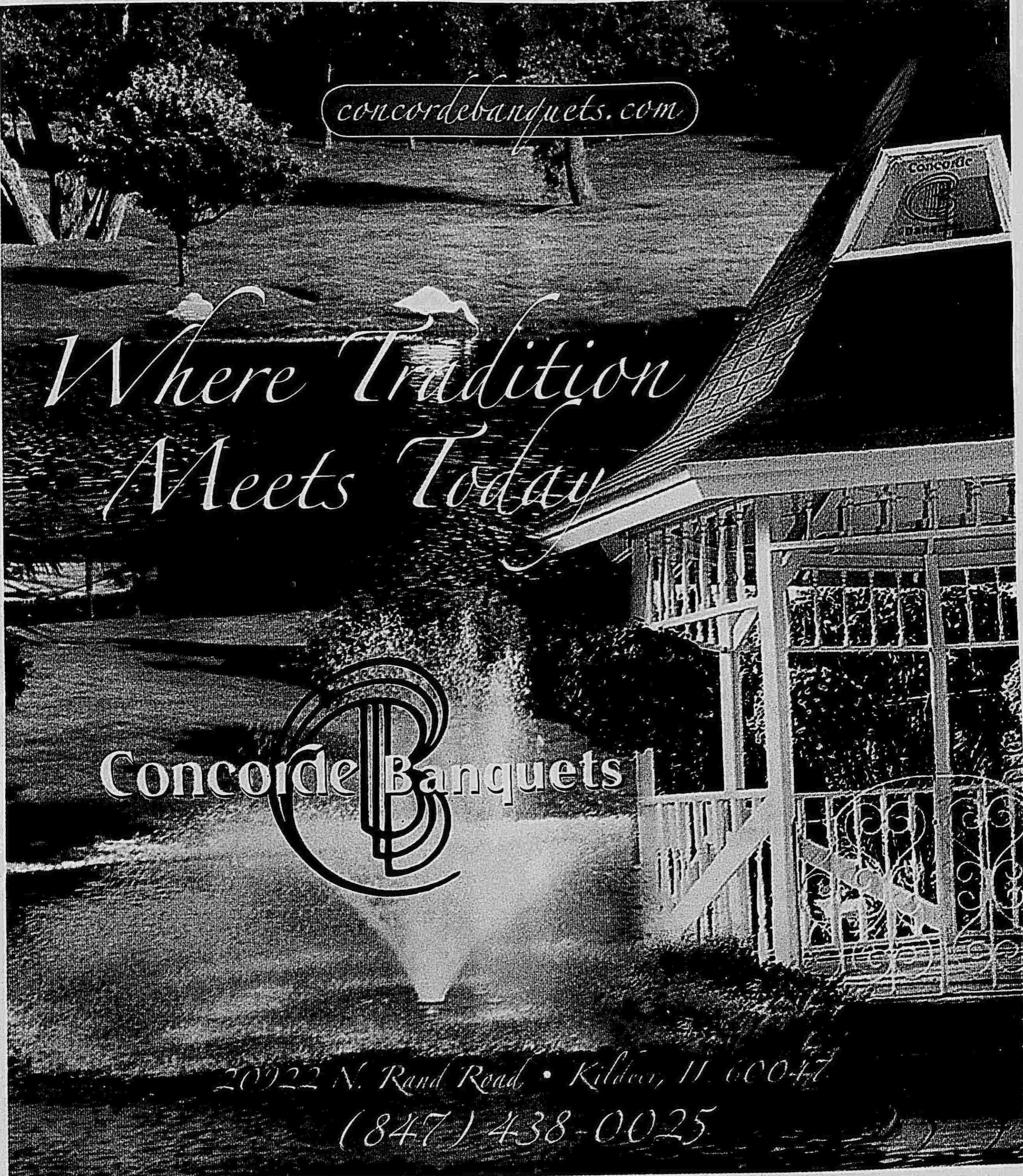
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in a visible spot, magnets that display your photo with wedding date or some other variation are quite handy. They can be affixed to the refrigerator or another conspicuous spot for easy reference.

- **Calendar:** With the advent of personalized calendars you can create a keepsake item that counts down the days to the wedding. Each month can feature a different photo or inspirational quotation.

- **Everyday items:** Save-the-date information can be printed on bookmarks, pens, playing cards or even stick-on notepads.

- **Scratch-offs:** For those who enjoy the thrill of suspense, save-the-date scratch-

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- **Food items:** Have candy bar wrappers printed with the save-the-date information and guests will be offered an added treat.

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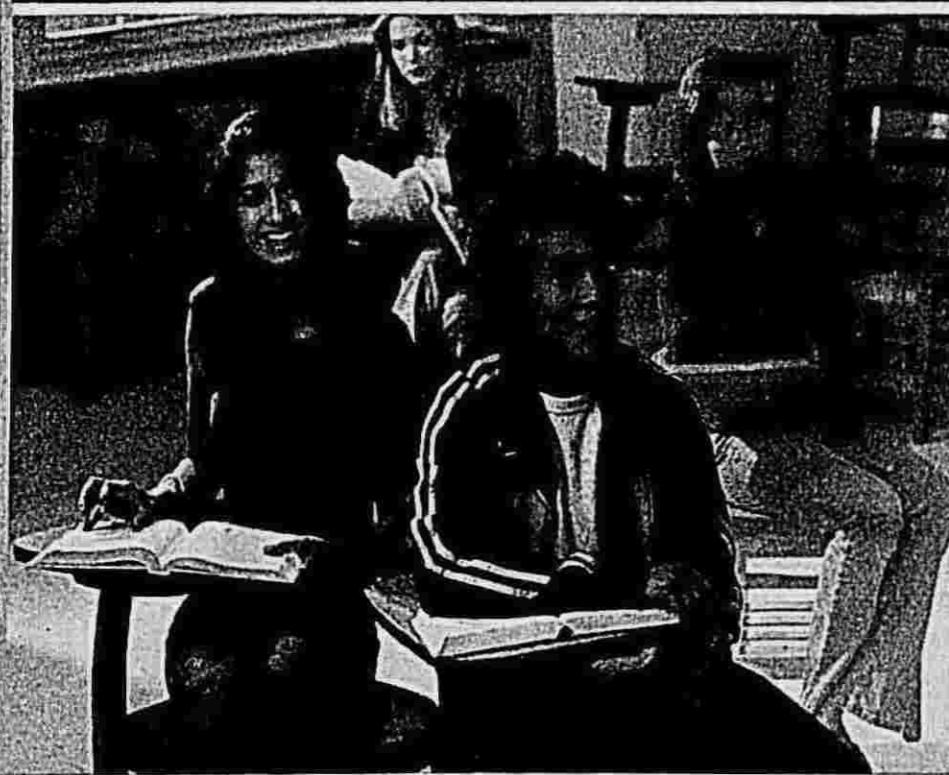
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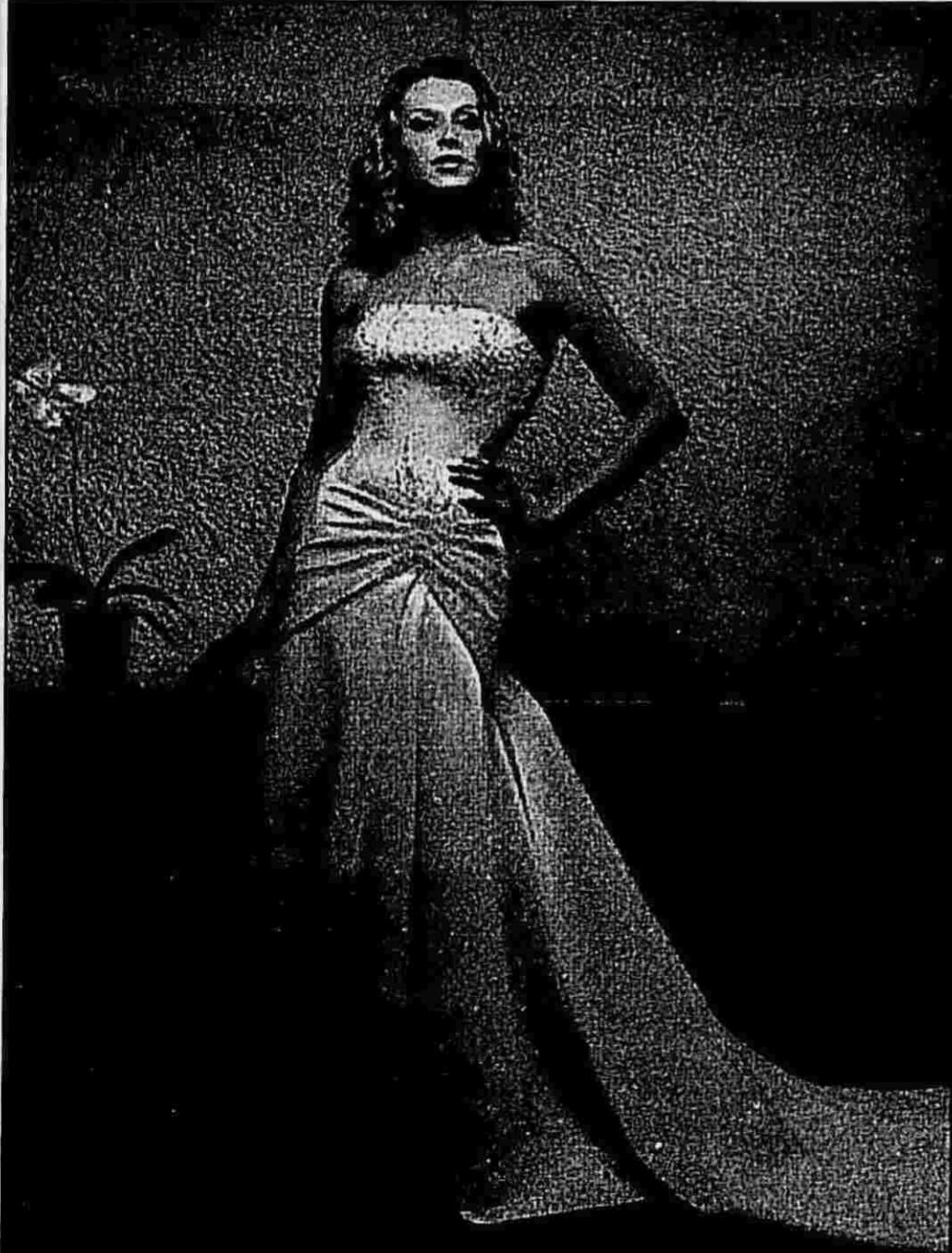
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A stressful task to say the least, planning a wedding comes with a variety of decisions a couple must make before walking down the aisle. While many of these decisions are behind-the-scenes issues that most of your guests may never even notice, the process of choosing the right caterer is one decision couples must not take lightly, as everyone in attendance will be affected by who you choose to cater your special day.

Perhaps the main thing a couple must consider when choosing a caterer is their budget. Regardless of the style of your reception, cost will likely be dictated by the type of food you choose to serve your guests. Whether you choose a sit-down dinner or buffet style, the type of food and the number of guests dictate the price. If you're unsure of what to offer your guests, ask a caterer to offer some suggestions and see if it's possible to sample a few dishes from the kitchen. Many caterers are glad to do this, and it will give you a better idea of how you'll be spending your money.

When choosing a caterer, it is also important to check references. You can be referred to a caterer via a friend or coworker who is married, or you can ask any caterer during an interview to supply you with references.

Before choosing a caterer, it is also a good idea to reach an agreement on all fees, any extra charges or insurance and what the payment

schedule will be like. This will more than likely be the most expensive part of the wedding, so having a concrete agreement in writing is the most responsible and safe way to go. Negotiating the price can be a difficult task, since most caterers will provide you with an estimate based on 100 guests, even if you have fewer guests coming. Discuss what the caterer's fee for fewer guests might be, if there is any at all. Also ask what the fee will be if you need to add more guests after reaching your agreement, or if the fee can be lessened should certain guests decide they are unable to make it. In many cases, after you've confirmed your guest list, refunds are not available for guests who don't show up for the reception and don't get a plate. And though this is something no couple wants to think about, make sure you have a cancellation policy in writing as well should the caterer need to back out for any reason.

Another thing to consider is how many catering employees you want at the reception. In general, guests are seated in groups of eight or 10, so having one server for every eight to 10 people is a good way to go. Also make sure you know what you're paying these servers, and be sure to have that in writing as well. Make sure that the gratuities for the staff and the taxes are included in the price, too. After your wedding is over, the fewer hidden and extra fees, the better.

When seeking out a caterer, you also want to see what types of decorations the caterer offers, if any. Table settings, floral arrangements for each table, and color schemes should all be open to discussion. Ask if tableware and linens are included as part of the estimate or the agreement. Believe it or not, these can get pretty pricey, so knowing what they are ahead of time can help you avoid any surprises. Some caterers also do not provide a cake with their estimate. Find out if they recommend any vendors and the types of cakes, styles and flavor you may select. Before choosing any caterer, remember this aspect of



Choosing the right caterer for your wedding is oftentimes an involved and difficult, yet important, decision to make

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Think creatively with wedding registries



It has become the expected practice for couples to register for preferred gifts for their wedding and life together. But you can think outside of the box for unique or unconventional gifts.

(MS) — A marriage doesn't just bring together two people in love, it also serves as the catalyst for merging their worlds into one. For couples who may have had homes separately from one another before getting married, they may be bringing along housewares, furniture and other décor that's not necessarily of a cohesive style. This could mean it's time to rethink what should be included in their home together. It typically involves registering for gifts from favorite stores as a way to stock up on items that reflect mutual taste as a couple.

Today registries are an invaluable part of the wedding process, and one eagerly anticipated by couples. Registries needn't be limited to just one store or type of retail outlet. In fact, a popular trend in wedding gifts is offering luxurious throws and pillows as opposed to traditional linens and housewares. Brides- and grooms-to-be are also registering at places, such as Lowes and The Home Depot if they desire miter saws as well as platinum-rimmed china.

The bridal registry will take

the guesswork out of wedding gifts, but only if it's used correctly by the couple and their guests. Here are some guidelines for using registries successfully, courtesy of fashion and home décor designer Adrienne Landau.

- Register three to six months before the wedding. If you register earlier, some seasonal patterns and promotional items may be out of season by your wedding day.
- Give yourselves plenty of time to select what you like. Many brides-to-be initially go into stores alone or browse online to narrow down their selections, then return with their partners to make final decisions.
- Take advantage of registry consultants. These experts are invaluable sources of advice about everything from wedding etiquette to recommended place setting amounts.
- Register in a variety of price ranges. Include high-priced gifts for guests who can afford them and less expensive gifts for shower guests and guests on

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How to calm wedding jitters

(MS) — The work involved with planning a wedding can stress out even the most stable of individuals. Even those brides-to-be who knew all the reasons why they were getting married a few months ago may be facing the prospect of walking down the aisle with anxiety.

Call it cold feet or wedding jitters, the feeling is common among newlyweds-to-be. Stress has a funny way of making mountains out of molehills — little idiosyncrasies in a partner can quickly grow into horrible character traits. The key is recognizing when fears are just the result of too much planning and not deep-rooted relationship issues. Usually a person quickly realizes they're more overwhelmed about the wedding details than the thought of making a commitment.

"The What If Guy," by Taylor G. Wilshire has messages of love, forgiveness and affirmation at its roots, which can offer help at this important time in your life. It also provides an entertaining story that gives you a chance to kick back and escape.

1. Put your thoughts onto paper — Make a list of what is causing the most anxiety. This release

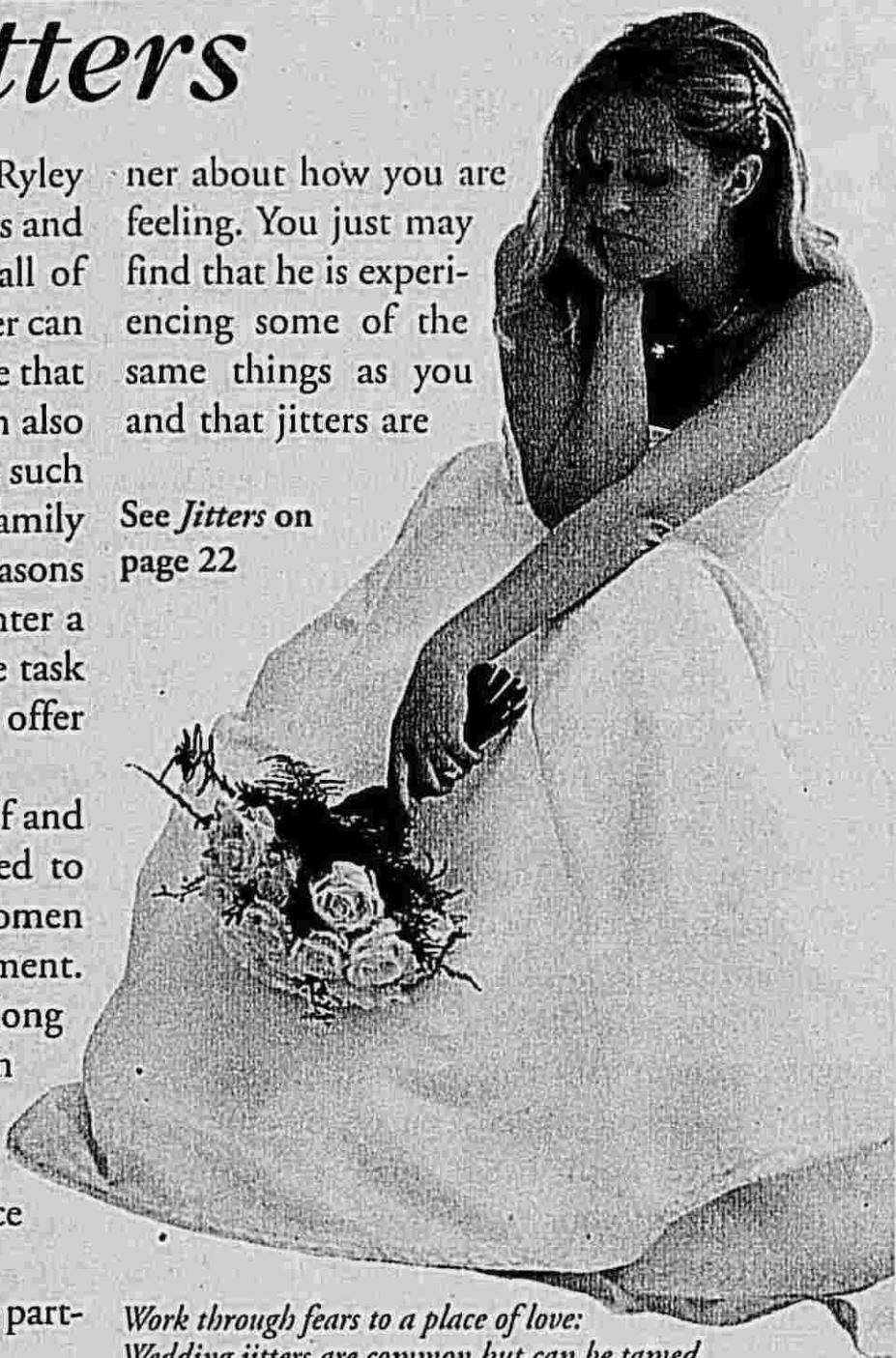
technique is something main character Ryley McKenna used in the book to clear her fears and prevent overworrying. Sometimes having all of your racing thoughts organized and on paper can help you rationally address the issues and see that there is no serious cause of the jitters. It can also help you pinpoint a common stress trigger, such as a financial concern or a conflict with a family member. Compare these fears to a list of reasons why you love your partner and want to enter a commitment with this person. This simple task can bring order to jumbled feelings and offer clarity on any nervousness you may have.

2. Learn to relax — Make time for yourself and enjoy activities that are not directly related to wedding planning. For example, some women benefit from a massage or facial treatment. Others find that a relaxing drive or walk along the beach or through another quiet area can help promote calmness. Or take a cue from Ryley and learn to relax by meditating to put your mind at peace: Find a quiet place and focus on deep breathing.

3. Talk to your partner — Open up to your part-

ner about how you are feeling. You just may find that he is experiencing some of the same things as you and that jitters are

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Work through fears to a place of love:
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completely normal. Working through fears to a place of love is one of the underlying concepts of "A Course in Miracles," the inspirational text that helps guide Ryley throughout the book. By expressing your fears and doubts, and working through them as a team, this can be the first step you take as a married couple to support each other in good times ... and bad.

4. Recognize that changes understandably make people uncomfortable — One of the most life-altering changes a person can make is getting married, particularly if you've both been used to living on your own and making your own decisions. Instead of focusing on

what you could be losing by getting married, reaffirm all of the things you will be gaining. It may help to talk to married couples who have been successful in keeping their relationships strong. Remember though, your relationship is unique to you as a couple. So don't be sidetracked over what could or may happen.

5. Keep in mind that love is most important — While you want the weather to cooperate and the day to be flawless, you cannot control the outcome of everything when getting married. There may be some minor (or major) bumps along the way. Being able to recover gracefully and enjoy yourself can help start your relation-

ship off on the right foot. Remember, you'll have many other chances to create winning memories as you grow old together with your partner, so don't put so much emphasis on the wedding details or the most important moments may pass you by. For further inspiration, see the ways Ryley overcomes challenges to find her path to true love in "The What if Guy."

Add "The What If Guy" to your bridal shower wish list to provide some much-needed salvation during this wonderful, but often stressful time. It is available wherever paperbacks are sold. Learn more about the book and author at www.thewhatifguy.com.

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There are several steps you can take to ensure you receive beautiful photos. Naturally, the key is finding a reputable photographer who can offer the types of shots you desire. Here are some pointers to keep in mind when selecting a photographer and arranging wedding photos.

- When interviewing photographers, ask to see photos from a complete wedding. Any photographer, even a poor one, can piece together a portfolio of his best work. By viewing all the photos from a particular wedding, or even better, the proofs, you can get an idea if the photographer knows his

stuff. Your best bet is to go with a referral. If you loved your cousin's photographer, book with him.

- Set aside enough time for photos. Don't book your ceremony and reception back to back, otherwise the photographer might feel rushed, and it will be evident in your photos.
- Clearly spell out the types of photos you'd like in your contract. If you want photos with all your family members, a shot with your prized pooch or any other particular photos, be sure to speak up.
- Get all extras and special services in writing. Black-and-white photography, digital enhancements and extra prints may cost more. Don't be caught off guard when the bill arrives.
- Confirm all details a few days before. Provide directions to and from your home, church and reception site. No one wants a photographer who is missing in action.

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limited budgets.

- Don't overlap. Register for each item in one store only. Otherwise, you may get frazzled keeping track of gifts that have and haven't been purchased or end up with duplicates.
- Never announce your registration in wedding invitations — this implies that gifts are as important to you as guests. Friends and family can make sure word gets out.
- Keep a running gift list. Make a note of each item you receive, who sent it and

any thoughts that come to mind when you unwrap it on a master note pad. This will make writing thank-you notes easier. Once gifts start piling up cards are easily misplaced, and your memory becomes unreliable.

- Maintain your bridal registry. Many stores will keep a registry active for a year or more. This way you can see what wasn't purchased and fill in items you really desire. Additionally, some guests will refer to the registry for anniversary gift ideas.

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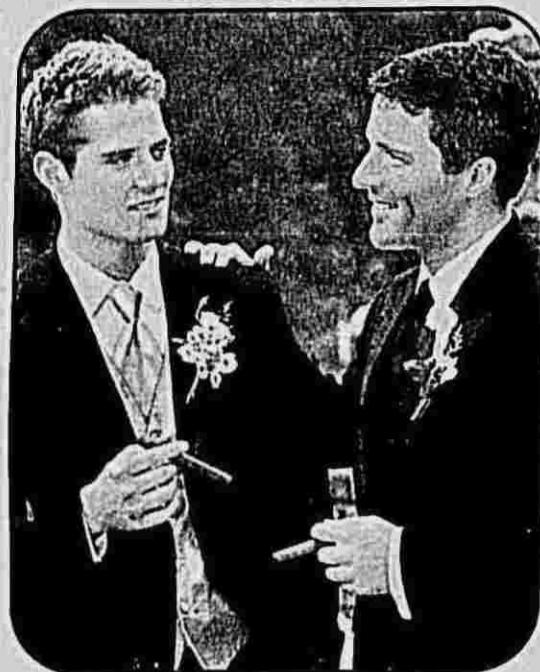
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Grooms take an active role in planning



The groom should share equal billing in wedding planning.

(MS) — Weddings are full of references to the bride. From the traditional "Bridal Chorus," played during the ceremony, to friends and family members making up the "bridal party" to the holding of a "bridal shower" where the bride-to-be is doted upon and presented with a myriad of wonderful gifts, one might wonder just how the groom fits into the grand scheme of things. After all, it seems he doesn't share equal wedding-day billing.

In the past, grooms did take a backseat when it came to weddings, preferring to have their fiancées do the majority of the planning. However, these days men are becoming involved in more activities that were

traditionally thought of as womanly tasks — caring for children, helping with housework, and taking an active role in wedding planning. The trouble is, the majority of wedding resources are still skewed toward the female audience, leaving men searching for advice catering to the masculine ear.

"The groom has wedding responsibilities and wants to help with wedding planning, but he's often in the dark about what to do," says Mark Walerstein, founder of GroomsOnline (www.groomsonline.com), an informational Web site offering tips, pointers and time-saving hints designed to make the planning process more fun, relaxing and re-

warding for the man.

The groom, best man or groomsmen can check out the site for wedding-day checklists, attire pointers and bachelor party planning ideas. In addition, there's even a full-service online gift shop so that gifts can be purchased for wedding party members, parents ... and the ladies, too.

When planning your upcoming wedding, keep these top tips in mind, courtesy of GroomsOnline.com.

- Gather paperwork — Make it your responsibility to apply for the wedding license, research blood-test requirements, and coordinate passport applications if needed for international travel. In addition, add the bride's name to financial ac-

counts, wills or insurance policies if you have mutually decided this will be in your best interests.

- Arrange transportation — Interview limousine companies or other transportation arrangements and finalize the details. Make sure you provide accurate directions to and from the ceremony and to your reception location as well. Present the company with a schedule or timeline so that the limo will be on time.

- Plan the honeymoon — Once your locale is decided upon, go about booking the trip and securing transportation to and from the airport.

- Coordinate groomsmen's attire — In addition to your own attire, set up fittings for tuxedo rental or purchase

for your wedding party. Make sure everyone is provided with the necessary components (i.e. tie, vest, cummerbund and shoes) prior to the wedding day. Also arrange to have the tuxedos returned after the wedding by a groomsman so you can dash off on your honeymoon.

- Pick up the rings — After selecting your wedding bands, make sure they are sized correctly and pick them up from the jeweler. Be sure they are brought to the ceremony and in safe-keeping with the best man.
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Be a blushing, not rushing bride: Strategies to beat wedding-planning stress

(MS) — Getting married can be one of the most memorable and lovely times of your life. But, it can also be one of the most stressful. With so many decisions to make, high-priced expenses and working on a tight deadline, it's easy to see how even the most put-together person could get frazzled.

However, stress is not healthy for a bride-to-be. It is commonly known that stress can affect both physical and mental health, but it can also wreak havoc on one's appearance. Stress-induced headaches can contribute to wrinkling around the brow line and eyes from scrunching the face in pain. Additionally, it can cause a person to over- or under-eat, resulting in weight gain and other cosmetic factors like dull hair, which won't be complementary to your pre-wedding beauty plan. In order to feel and look recharged for your wedding day, JOICO, the experts in healthy hair products and techniques, and Damien Carney, JOICO's International Artistic Director, offer these solu-

tions to help keep stress at bay.

- Schedule time for non-wedding-related activities. From dress fittings to consultations with your makeup artist, a bride's calendar is packed with appointments all related to her big day. Don't forget to schedule some downtime for yourself, whether that be a day spent entirely watching chick flicks or enjoying an at-home hair indulgence, like JOICO'S KPAK Deep-Penetrating Reconstructor. After just five minutes on damp hair, this deep healer smoothes and restores locks to their tip-top form.

- Don't be afraid to delegate. Understandably, you want to have control over your wedding planning along with your fiancé. But taking on too many responsibilities can quickly wear at your nerves. You chose a bridal party for good reason, so enlist them to help out with as much as they can. Reserve the big decisions for yourself, such as picking out bouquet blooms, but let them work through the drama of deciding on a

bridesmaid dress or ideas on wedding favors. If anyone offers help, be it a relative or friend, take them up on it.

- Make the most of your hair type and style. Bridal styles are often intricate up-dos or cascading curls — styles you don't do every day that require more effort than simply shampooing and a blowout. Set up an appointment with your stylist to discuss options that will work with your face and the style of your dress. Don't forget to schedule a trial run to make sure you are happy with the look. Also, take a few moments to improve hair's condition. JOICO'S K-PAK Intense Hydrator is a decadently rich, creamy

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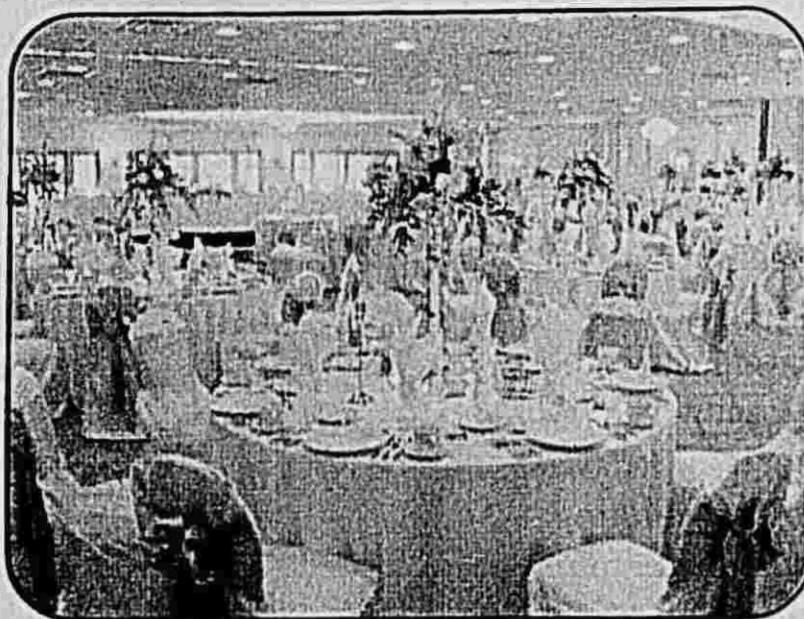
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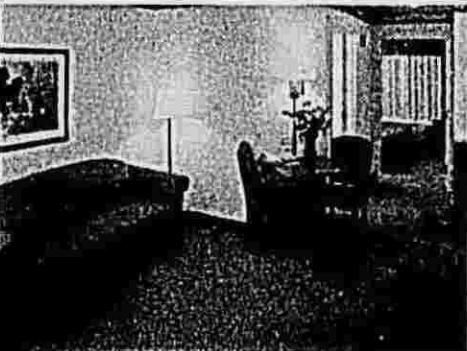
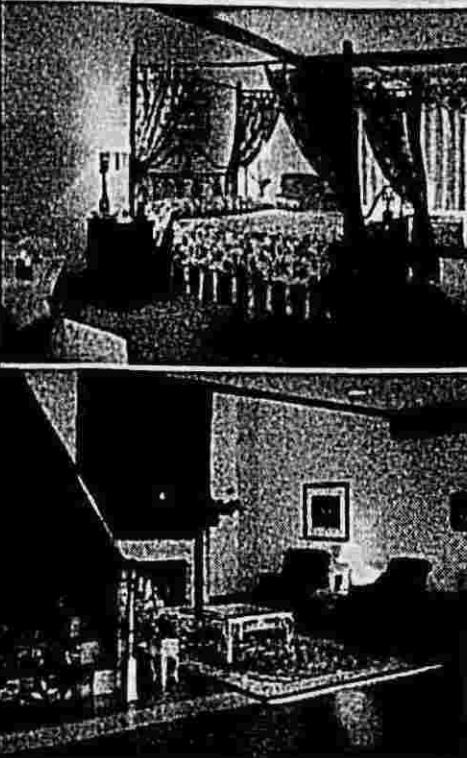
to keep your energy up before your wedding day.

- Follow your budget. Some wedding stress is money-related. Talk about what you plan to budget for the wedding with your fiancé so you know what you can afford, and comparison shop for vendors. This way there will be few surprises when you're writing out checks or swiping your credit card.

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